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Working arrangements for the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/16 of 20 November 2006 and 68/1 of 20 September 2013 concerning the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating that, as a principal organ of the United Nations, it is entitled to hold ad hoc meetings as and when needed, with full substantive support and conference services, to address urgent developments in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,

Noting that the arrangements set forth in General Assembly resolution 68/1 should not lead to an increase in the number of meeting days currently provided for the Economic and Social Council,

Acknowledging that, in scheduling its sessions, meetings and consultations, the Economic and Social Council should take into consideration meetings of other bodies dealing with economic, social and environmental issues to avoid unnecessary overlapping and overburdening of their agendas,

Bearing in mind that the outcome of intergovernmental processes such as the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda may have an impact on its programme of work,

Decides on the following working arrangements for its 2016 session, mindful that it may need to convene additional meetings as needed:

(a) The coordination and management meetings will be held from Monday, 4 April, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016; from Wednesday, 1 June, to Friday, 3 June 2016; and from Monday, 25 July, to Wednesday, 27 July 2016;

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(b) The youth forum will be held on Monday, 1 February, and Tuesday, 2 February 2016;

(c) The operational activities for development segment will be held from Monday, 22 February, to Wednesday, 24 February 2016;

(d) The partnership forum will be held on Thursday, 31 March 2016;

(e) The special high-level meeting of the Council with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will be held on Monday, 18 April, and Tuesday, 19 April 2016;

(f) The one-day special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters will be held on Friday, 22 April 2016;

(g) The integration segment will be held from Monday, 2 May, to Wednesday, 4 May 2016;

(h) The humanitarian affairs segment will be held from Monday, 20 June, to Wednesday, 22 June 2016;

(i) The high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from Monday, 11 July, to Friday, 15 July 2016; the three-day ministerial meeting of the forum will be held from Monday, 18 July, to Wednesday, 20 July 2016;

(j) The high-level segment, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, and the biennial Development Cooperation Forum, will be held from Monday, 18 July, to Friday, 22 July 2016;

(k) The organizational session regarding the programme of work of the Council from July 2016 to July 2017 will be held on Thursday, 28 July, and Friday, 29 July 2016.